

NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
Tuesday, November 24, 2015

PRESENT: Robert K. Black Jr., Supervisor; Steve Williams, Supervisor; Jesse Thompson, Supervisor; Jason E. Whiting, Vice-Chairman; and Dawnafe Whitesinger, Chairman were present.

9:02 a.m. Call To Order: Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation led by **Supervisor Whiting**.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Marc Silliman, a resident of White Mountain Lake, AZ addressed the Board regarding the White Mountain Lakes County Recreation Improvement District's Advisory Board. He expressed his concerns regarding the bylaws that were drafted stating that the Board of Supervisors should be listed as the Board of Directors and that the Advisory Board should be listed as the Advisory Committee. Mr. Silliman indicated that he was concerned with the Advisory Committee's actions at their latest meeting. He stated that several of the Advisory Committee members have resigned from the committee and that Jerry McGraw was voted in as the Chairman. Mr. Silliman indicated that Mr. McGraw's first act of business was to address the apparent conflict of interest to have Norma Loeffler, a member of the lake patrol serve on the committee. He indicated that she was legal to be a member of the committee. The end result was that the proposed amendment was agreed to go forward, but that Ms. Loeffler was not able to participate in the remainder of the meeting. Mr. Silliman wanted a clarification of the conditions for the removal of a committee member. He indicated he felt Mr. McGraw was incorrect in his actions of not considering Ms. Loeffler's vote in the meeting. He asked the Board of Supervisors acting as their Board of Directors, to investigate these actions and the terminology written in the bylaws. Mr. Silliman indicated their district is not a sub-division of Navajo County, but a subdivision within Navajo County.

CONSENT AGENDA: a) Minutes: November 10, 2015 and November 20, 2015 Special Meeting b) Clerk of Superior Court Report October 2015 c) Juvenile Probation Report October 2015 d) Justice Court Reports: Holbrook Precinct #1, October; Winslow Precinct #2, October; Snowflake Precinct #3, October; Kayenta Precinct #4, October; Show Low Precinct #5, October; Pinetop-Lakeside Precinct #6, October 2015 e) Constable Reports: Snowflake Precinct #3, October and Pinetop-Lakeside Precinct #6, October 2015 f) Task Agreement 4 of the Memorandum of Understanding between Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Region and Navajo County for Road Maintenance Equipment Operator for an additional seven-month period g) Revised Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Show Low for the management of maintenance and snow removal of shared boundary roads h) Cooperative Agreement P15AC01349 between the US Department of the Interior, National Park Service and the Sheriff's Office for dispatch services at Petrified Forest National Park i) Professional Service Agreement with Callie Jensen to assist in creating a sustainable wellness program for Navajo County employees j) Contract signed by the County Manager pursuant to the Board of Supervisors Resolution: Agreement between Arizona Department of Fire, Building and Life Safety Office of Manufactured Housing and Navajo County to Enforce Installation Standards k) Sympathy Letter to the family of Ambrose Sheperd: **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to authorize the Chairwoman to sign the items in the consent agenda; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- a. Presentation to retiring employee Wade Ellison, Public Works, after 30 years of service: Eric Scott presented a retirement award to Wade Ellison who has been with the county for over 30 years. Eric Oscarson stated Mr. Ellison started with the county in 1985. Mr. Oscarson reported on Mr. Ellison's many roles in the county. James Jayne thanked Mr. Ellison for his excellent service, leadership and contributions to Navajo County.

- b. **Personnel Service Awards:** Congratulations to the following employees for their continued service to Navajo County: David Widmaier (Pinetop Justice Court) 15 Years; Pamela Phillips (Public Fiduciary) 10 Years; Valeria Aguilera (Clerk of Superior Court) 5 Years; Dustin Matkin (Sheriff) 5 Years; Michael Sample (Clerk of Superior Court) 5 Years; and Creig Wallace (Sheriff) 5 Years; Eric Scott recognized David Widmaier for his 15 years of service to Navajo County; Pamela Phillips for her 10 years of service to Navajo County; Valeria Aguilera, Dustin Matkin, Michael Sample and Creig Wallace for their 5 years of service to Navajo County.
- c. Consideration and possible approval of Personnel Actions: Eric Scott reviewed the 12 item personnel action report. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to approve the Personnel Action Report as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving he motion.

NAVAJO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT: Board of Directors Session: **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to enter into the Navajo County Public Health Services District **Board of Directors Session**; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Professional Services contract with Vita Nicks, RDH for Dental Hygiene services through the Dental Sealant Program effective January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$45.00 per hour:
- b. Professional Services contract with Regina Rich, RDH, AP, for Dental Hygiene services through the Dental Sealant Program effective January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$45.00 per hour:
- c. Professional Services contract with Connie Baine, RDH, AP, BS for Dental Hygiene services through the Dental Sealant Program effective January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$45.00 per hour:
- d. Professional Services contract with Kenneth F. Rice, DMD, for Dental Hygiene services through the Dental Sealant Program effective January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$50.00 per hour:

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to return to regular session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

ADMINISTRATION: ~~IAG Bright Ideas Presentation:~~ Item pulled

JUVENILE PROBATION:

- a. Recognition of State Award for Excellence by Junior Leadership Academy for Out of School Delinquency Prevention Programming: Arno Hall discussed the item. Mr. Hall indicated that the Navajo County Drug Project Junior Leadership Academy's two-week summer educational program has proven successful in preventing delinquent activities among the communities' at-risk youth. Mr. Hall indicated that the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence (AzCASE) awarded the JLA with the Outstanding Out-of-School Time Program Award of Excellence for this year. Mr. Hall introduced the three presenters for JLA; Mary Jeanne Munroe, Alicia Phillips and Gil Alvidrez. Ms. Phillips addressed the Board regarding educating the youth. Ms. Munroe spoke of the challenges and rewards of the program. Mr. Alvidrez stated that this is a "homegrown program" and he spoke of the gratitude from the parents, grandparents and others in support of the program for the youth, ages 10 to 14. Mr. Alvidrez expressed appreciation to the Board of Supervisors for their assistance and presented the Board with a poster and a certificate. **Chairwoman Whitesinger** commended the team for making this program successful.
- b. Consideration and possible approval of Assigning Laura Brandenburg Mudge as Chief Fiscal Officer for Juvenile Probation as required by ARS 12-268: Arno Hall discussed the item. **Supervisor Williams made**

a motion to approve of the Assigning Laura Brandenburg Mudge as Chief Fiscal Officer for Juvenile Probation as required by ARS 12-268; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

FINANCE: County Finance Update: James Menlove gave the County finance update.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- a. **NAVAJO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT Board of Directors Session:** **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to enter into the Navajo County Flood Control District **Board of Directors Session**; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. Consideration and possible approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Navajo County Flood Control District and the Silver Creek Flood Protection District for sediment removal behind Millet Swale Dam: Eric Oscarson discussed the item. **Supervisor Whiting made a motion** to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Navajo County Flood Control District and the Silver Creek Flood Protection District for sediment removal behind Millet Swale Dam; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to return to regular session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- b. Consideration and possible adoption of **Resolution Number 44-15**, approving the Right-of-Way Fencing Policy & Procedures for fencing agreements involving Navajo County: Eric Oscarson discussed the item. **Supervisor Whiting made a motion** to adopt **Resolution Number 44-15**, approving the Right-of-Way Fencing Policy & Procedures for fencing agreements involving Navajo County; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Chairwoman Whitesinger** thanked **Supervisor Whiting** for bringing the public and the county together on this item.

The Board sang Happy Birthday to Homero Vela, Assistant County Manager and Brad Carlyon, County Attorney.

COUNTY BUSINESS UPDATE: Report from Board members, County Attorney and County Manager: **Supervisor Black** gave a report on the Veterans Day remembrance in Kayenta. **Supervisor Black** indicated he attended a workshop for time management and a grants training in Window Rock. He reported on the Red Dog meeting regarding graveling of the roads in his district. He stated he attended a Navajo Nation Roads meeting at the Navajo Mountain Chapter. **Supervisor Black** reported on attending a regional meeting with the Navajo Mountain, Ojato, Shonto and Tsah Bii Kiin Chapter officials. **Supervisor Williams** spoke about the Leadership White Mountain program that he is participating in. **Supervisor Williams** reported he met with former Secretary of State, Ken Bennett regarding Navajo County issues. He stated that he, **Supervisor Whiting** and **Chairwoman Whitesinger** attended a Joint Study Session Town Council Meeting with Pinetop-Lakeside, Show Low, Snowflake and Taylor. **Supervisor Williams** reported on the Show Low Community Fast and indicated that so far they had \$13,000.00 donated, to help those in need. He thanked the staff and county employees for the progressive Thanksgiving Dinner. **Supervisor Thompson** reported on his meetings with Jeff and Brandy Tomhave. He indicated that the legislative bill for tribal roads did not pass. He reported he attended the County Supervisors Board of Directors meeting in Phoenix. **Supervisor Thompson** indicated that he is working with the Phoenix Rotary Club in trying to secure funds for a community center on the Hopi Tribe. **Supervisor Thompson** reported that two of his uncles passed away; Carlos Morris who was a Code Talker, and Ambrose Shepherd a long time council member and a former Apache County Supervisor. **Supervisor Thompson** reported that he, Homero Vela, and Eric Oscarson met with Colonel Gibbs regarding the Winslow Levee. **Supervisor Thompson** thanked the staff and those who assisted with the Winslow Parade. **Supervisor Whiting** thanked the Supervisors and staff for their community outreach throughout the Holiday Season and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Supervisor Whiting discussed the Resolution which the Board passed regarding the 2016 legislative budget priorities. He spoke about the Apache Railway and stated that funding may have been obtained, which he indicated is positive news for economic development in Navajo County. **Supervisor Whiting** reported on various forest issues. Brad Carlyon, County Attorney thanked **Supervisor Black** and Susie Nelson, Kayenta Justice of the Peace for hosting him and Sheriff K.C. Clark during the Kayenta Veteran's Days celebration. **Chairwoman Whitesinger** indicated she attended a meeting with the area school superintendents and spoke about the issues facing their schools. She reported she attended the ADOT SR 260 Public Meeting regarding roadways in Pinetop and Lakeside. **Chairwoman Whitesinger** congratulated Melissa Buckley, Clerk of the Board for receiving the Arizona Association of Counties Summit Award for County Management, Finance and Administration at the AACo Conference in Phoenix. She stated Mrs. Buckley was recognized for the Back-Tax Land Auction's success, after she brought it online with immediate increased sales. **Chairwoman Whitesinger** expressed appreciation to Paul Watson for his efforts with improving regional dispatch in the White Mountain area. **Chairwoman Whitesinger** reported on the Sunrise Park Resort's Board of Directors meeting and the opening ski dates.

ADJOURN: At 10:22 a.m. **Supervisor Black made a motion** to adjourn; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

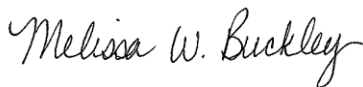
APPROVED:

DATED: December 8, 2015



**Dawnafe Whitesinger, Chairwoman
Navajo County Board of Supervisors**

ATTEST:



**Melissa W. Buckley, Clerk
Navajo County Board of Supervisors**